

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 20 with the following paragraph, wherein strikethrough represents deletion and underlining represents addition:

**FIG. 6A.** The mouse  $\alpha$ 2MR cDNA (SEQ ID NO:1) and predicted open reading frame of murine  $\alpha$ 2MR protein (Genbank accession no. CAA47817). B. The murine  ~~$\alpha$ 2M~~  $\alpha$ 2MR protein (SEQ ID NO:2), ~~with residues identified by microsequencing an 80 kDa, gp96-~~ **interacting fragment of the receptor highlighted in bold.**